The power allocated to Kerala from the Central Generating Stations as on 31st March 2006, 2007 and 2008 was 1542 MW, 1314 MW and 1216-1221 MW respectively.

(d) In January, 2007, 180 MW power from Kayamkulam CCGT was diverted to Tamil Nadu following the inability expressed by Kerala to utilize full power from the project due to high cost of Naphtha. Further, allocation of 200 MW home state share to Orissa from Talcher STPS Stage-II in April, 2007 resulted in reduction of allocation of all Southern Region States from this project, including 33 MW from Kerala. However, the firm allocation increased by 17 MW in May, 2007 after commissioning of Kaiga Atomic Power Station unit-3 (220 MW). Since January, 2007, there have been reductions in the allocation of unallocated power of Central Generating Stations to Kerala as well as other Southern States in January, April and December, 2007, depending on their power supply position. The allocation of unallocated power to Kerala was enhanced in January, 2008.

(e) The energy scheduled to Kerala from the Central Generating Stations during April to September, 2008 was 3775 Million Units (MU) as compared to 4744 MU scheduled during the corresponding period of last year. The total availability of power for Kerala during April to September, 2008 increased to 7674 MU from 7481 MU during April to September, 2007.

(f) and (g) The unallocated power of Central Generating Stations is limited and fixed. Allocations and modifications of allocation, within the States/UTs in the region and made generally keeping in view the emergent or seasonal nature of the requirement, the relative power supply position, utilization of existing generation and power resources, performance and payment capacity. The allocation of unallocated power of CGSs is reviewed and revised from time to time and there is no quota earmarked for any particular State.

Moreover, the State may take proactive steps to augment power supply by adding capacity, bilateral purchases and short term purchase through Power exchange.

Recommendations of GOM on power sector

266. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, to meet Government's ambitious target of adding fresh capacity of 1,11,000 MW during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, a Group of Ministers has proposed that Government should divest upto 48 per cent of the stake in profitable central power sector companies which include NTPC, PPC, REC, PGCIL and NHPC;

(b) if so, what are the other main recommendations made the Group of Ministers for improving the power sector;

(c) whether IPO and FPOs are to meet only one-third of investment during the Eleventh Five Year Plan and stake sale funds are to be routed through new National Electricity Fund;

(d) if so, how many of its recommendations have been accepted; and

(e) to what extent it has been helpful for power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (e) In pursuance of the announcement made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the Conference of

Chief Ministers' on power sector issues held on May 28, 2007, a Sub-Committee of the Group of Power Ministers has been constituted to look at financing issues, including upgrading transmission and distribution networks. The terms of reference of the Sub-Committee, inter-alia, include making appropriate recommendations regarding broad policy measures and instruments for mobilizing long tenure finances for meeting investment requirements of the power sector. The Sub-Committee is yet to submit its recommendations.

Attrition in NHPC

†267. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the experienced engineers of National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) are joining private sector companies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of NHPC engineers at present and the number of those, who have left NHPC, so far;

(d) the likely effects on the projects of NHPC due to leaving of its engineers;

(e) the steps being taken by Government to stop the exodus of engineers; and

(f) whether officers of the NHPC are conducting recruitment camps in engineering colleges to meet the shortage of engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, due to the renewed interest shown by private developers in the power sector particularly in hydel power, there is a heavy demand in the country for experienced personnel. This has led to a high attrition rate in CPSUs including NHPC.

(c) The details obtained from NHPC regarding the number of engineers at present and the number of engineers who have left NHPC so far, are given below:

No. of engineers at present	No. of engineers who have left NHPC		
	In 2006	In 2007	In 2008 (till 1.10.2008)
1680	61	81	67

(d) NHPC have informed that these attritions are an ongoing process and would not have a significant impact on their ongoing project. Further, NHPC informed that they have been supplementing their team of engineers through internal recruitments and also through campus recruitments to make good the manpower shortfalls.

(e) NHPC have been taken a number of steps to retain their experienced personnel which include:

(i) Formulation of a retention strategy.

(ii) Efforts to enhance its brand image in the areas of its core competence.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.